Expansion of Talcher Fertilizer Plant

*518. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering for expansion of Talcher Fertilizer plant;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the number of persons expected to be employed as a result of expansion of the plant?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S DHILLON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Welfare Programmes for Adivasis in Gujarat

*519. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 82 regarding Mandal Commission Recommendations given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1987 and state whether Government have introduced any special Welfare Programmes for the Adivasis in Gujarat; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): The terms of reference of Mandal Commission do not cover the Scheduled Tribes. As such the reference to Starred Question No. 82 answered on 31-7-1987 regarding implementation of the recommendations of that Commission does not seem to be relevant. However, a number of welfare programmes for the Scheduled Tribes in Gujarat have been taken up under Tribal Sub-Plan strategy which has been adopted since 5th Five Year Plan. These include programmes for provision of drinking water educational health and nutritional facilities, credit and marketing, soil conservation measures and land reclamation, cottage and small scale industries, horticulture, dairy development and other schemes under poverty alleviation programmes like IRDP and employment generating programme such as NREP and RLEGP. Besides special micro-projects have been taken up for the five identified primitive tribes in Gujarat.

Tamil Nadu Institute of Urban Studies at Coimbatore

*520. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu had recently submitted some proposals to the Centra Government for financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 3 crores for the purpose of upgrading the Tamil Nadu Institute of Urban Studies at Coimbatore to a Research Centre; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the proposals stand and the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government of Tamil Nadu forwarded a Project Report for strengthening the Tamil Nadu Institute of Urban Studies, Coimbatore, requesting for financial assistance to the tune of Rs. three crores from the Government of India. The State Government have been informed that the Ministry of Urban Development do not provide funds for creation of capital assets for any Institute.

Request from Tamil Nadu Government for Industrial Licence

@3688. SHRI M VINCENT: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of a specific request from the Tamil Nadu Government for issue of an industrial licence to start a 100 per cent export oriented graphite cutting and

@ Previously Unstarred Question 3020, transferred from the 7th December, 1987.